

Amendments to the Specification:

Please add the following new heading and new paragraph prior to the Technical Field section on page 1 of the Specification:

Cross-Reference to Related Applications

[0000] This is a continuation of prior application Serial No. 10/277,575, filed on October 22, 2002, the entire disclosure of which is incorporated by reference herein.

Please replace paragraph [0015] on page 5 of the Specification with the following amended paragraph:

[0015] Another aspect of the invention features a method of maintaining the patency of a patient's urethra. The method includes supporting the prostatic section of [a] the urethra with a first coil defining a first lumen and locatable on the proximal side of the external sphincter, supporting the bulbar section of [a] the urethra with a second coil defining a second lumen and locatable on the distal side of the external sphincter, and permitting substantially normal constriction of the external sphincter with a substantially uncoiled segment coupling the first coil and second coil.

Please replace paragraph [0053] on page 16 of the Specification with the following amended paragraph:

[0053] Refer to FIG. 6A for a more detailed depiction of the male urinary system. The urethra extends upward from the meatus urinarus 62 as far as the neck 64 of the bladder 66. Above the external ~~sphinder~~ sphincter 68, the urethra comprises a super-collicular prostatic segment 70 and a sub-collicular prostatic segment 72 of the prostate 74. Below the external sphincter 68, the urethra comprises, toward the meatus urinarus 62, the membranous segments 76, the bulbar segment 78, the perineal segment 80, and the penile segment 82. The medical professional uses the delivery system 40 to advance the proximal tip 24 of the prostatic stent 10 along the urethra 60, past the external sphincter 68, and into the bladder 66. The medical professional inserts the prostatic stent 10 connected with the delivery system 40 into the patient's urethra at the meatus urinarus 62. The medical professional then further advances the prostatic stent 10 such that the prostatic segment 18 is in the super-collicular prostatic section 70 of the urethra 60 surrounded

by the prostate 74 with the bulbar segment 20 located on the distal side of the patient's external sphincter 68 along the bulbar segment 78 of the urethra 60. The prostatic stent 10 is properly positioned in the detailed depiction of the male urinary system as shown in FIG. 6B. At this point, the delivery system 40 extends from the bladder 66 through the urethra 60 and terminates at a location external to the patient's body. In another embodiment, (where the delivery system 40 includes a lumen extending through the rotatable element 42 from the first end 44 of the rotatable element to the second end 48), the medical professional looks for urine flowing from the second end of the rotatable element 48 of the delivery system 40 located external to the patient's body to confirm correct placement of the prostatic stent 10.